



Some immigrants, hard hit by economic fallout, lose homes

Sotero Cirilo stands near the tent, left, where he sleeps next to other homeless people in the Queens borough of New York, Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

Associated Press
Page 2

AQUA GRILL

FREE DESSERT

Not valid with other promotions, coupons or vouchers.
Valid with purchase of appetizer and entree. Each coupon is valid for one person per table.

SCAN ME

PLEASE CUT HERE

ARUBA'S PREMIER SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Reservations +(297) 586-5900
www.aqua-grill.com

Workation?

Get your **Prepaid Wireless Broadband** and stay connected everywhere in Aruba!!!

NOW OPEN Fit2fly
COVID-19 Testing Center
NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!

NEW: Rapid PCR Test:
Result in 30 minutes!
Antigen Test: \$50
PCR Test also available



MedCare Clinic
URGENT CARE

Tel: (+297) 280-0630

info@medcare.aw / www.medcare.aw

Locations: The Cove Mall (8AM-9PM) and Medcare near Courtyard by Marriott (8:30AM-12:30PM).

Some immigrants, hard hit by economic fallout, lose homes

From Front

By **CLAUDIA TORRENS**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Sotero Cirilo sleeps in a small blue tent under a train track bridge in Elmhurst, Queens. The 55-year-old immigrant from Mexico used to make \$800 per week at two Manhattan restaurants, which closed when the COVID-19 pandemic started. A few months later, he couldn't afford the rent of his Bronx room, and afterward, of another room in Queens he moved into. "I never thought I would end up like this, like I am today," he said in Spanish, his eyes filling up with tears.

Cirilo, who mainly speaks an indigenous language called Tlapanec, is part of an increasing number of unauthorized immigrants who are falling through the cracks due to the coronavirus pandemic, some advocates and nonprofits say. They worked in hard-hit industries — such as restaurants, hospitality or construction — and lack of income has impacted their ability to afford food and rent, pushing some out of their homes.

Unemployment among Hispanic immigrants has doubled in the U.S., going from 4.8% in January 2020 to 8.8% in February 2021, according to the Migration Policy Institute. These numbers don't take into consideration immigration status but activists and social workers in states like New York or California say more vulnerable immigrants, whom often don't qualify for aid, are finding themselves without a home.

"I have seen an increase of encampments of immigrants experiencing homelessness in Queens. Each has five or six tents,"



Yessenia Benitez, a 30-year-old licensed clinical social worker, tries to help a homeless woman sort through some documents near a homeless encampment in the Queens borough of New York, Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

said Yessenia Benitez, a 30-year-old licensed clinical social worker who helps these groups. "Right now, they are adapting by collecting bottles but they are working folks. They want to contribute to society. And before the pandemic, they were contributing to society, some of them were paying taxes," said Benitez. In Los Angeles, The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights has seen a "significant increase" of calls to a hotline of assistance for immigrants over the last six months, said Jorge-Mario Cabrera, the spokesman for the organization.

"We have seen an increase in calls from individuals living in the street, living in cars, living in garages or often living with friends in already overcrowded conditions," said Cabrera.

"They don't even have money to pay for their phone bills. This is why we are saying that one of the side effects of the COVID-19 (pandemic) is in fact

a complete unraveling of the safety net for undocumented immigrants," he added. "While other communities are receiving (financial) assistance, immigrants are receiving nothing, most of the time."

Cabrera said many of the immigrants calling are essential workers whose income has been "drastically reduced." In New York, Cirilo's tent is next to others that Benitez bought for several homeless immigrants that set up the Elmhurst encampment in September. Recently, the group sat on top of milk grates and talked below a wall painted with colorful graffiti. Next to the tents, there are backpacks, blankets and bags full of empty bottles and cans for recycling. Three small dogs laid next to the men, accepting their gentle pats. Alfredo Martinez's tent is green. Also a Mexican immigrant, the 38-year-old Martinez used to work in construction but his hours were reduced when the

pandemic started. Lack of steady income increased tensions with a roommate and he ended up in the street, where he has lived for the last four months.

"The pandemic started and my world came crashing down," Martínez said. "This is the first time something like this happens to me. But I think it is temporary. I hope it is temporary."

According to a recent New York City report, there are approximately 476,000 unauthorized immigrants in the city. The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs estimated in the report that 60% of unauthorized workers have already lost their job or are at risk of losing their job during the pandemic, compared to 36% of all workers.

The poverty rate for unauthorized immigrants in the city is 29.2%, higher than the 27% poverty rate for green card holders and migrants with other statuses, according to the report. The poverty rate for the U.S.

born in New York is 20%. Immigrants in the country illegally can't access stimulus help or unemployment benefits even if they pay taxes. Some cities and states have, however, pushed efforts to help.

California gave some cash to unauthorized immigrants last year and New York lawmakers recently created a \$2.1 billion fund to aid workers who lost jobs or income during the pandemic but were excluded from other government relief programs because of their immigration status. The program is the largest of its kind in the U.S.

In Arizona, advocacy groups say immigrant women who clean hotel rooms are suffering financially and things got harder for them with schools closed and kids at home.

"This one lady made a 'tiendita' (store) out of her apartment and she was selling gum, she was selling soda, she was selling whatever she could to the people that live in the apartment complex so she could make enough money to pay rent," said Petra Falcón, executive director of Promise Arizona, a nonprofit in Phoenix.

Spokespeople at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development said they had no data they could provide now on the impact of the pandemic on homelessness.

According to the latest HUD report, the number of people experiencing homelessness nationwide increased by 2% between 2019 and 2020, or 12,751 more people, marking the fourth consecutive annual increase in homelessness. Almost a quarter of all people experiencing homelessness, 23%, were Hispanic or Latino. □

House GOP leader amps up pressure on Cheney over Trump barbs

By **ALAN FRAM** and **LISA MASCARO**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy stepped up pressure on No. 3 House Republican Liz Cheney on Tuesday, claiming rank-and-file concerns about “her ability to carry out her job” as she trades insults with former President Donald Trump.

McCarthy’s comments on the Fox News Channel underscored the continued, if not growing, grip that the former president has on the House GOP. They also spotlighted an increasingly open split between McCarthy and Cheney.

Rather than standing by Cheney — as he did during a failed effort to oust her in February — McCarthy essentially planted himself in the camp of her pro-Trump critics. His positioning with her detractors and their increasingly outspoken attacks suggest her hold on her leadership job is in renewed peril.

“I have heard from members concerned about her ability to carry out her job as conference chair, to carry out the message,” said McCarthy, R-Calif. “We all need to be working as one if we’re able to win the majority. Remember, majorities are not given. They are earned.”

McCarthy’s remarks come with Republicans optimis-



House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy of Calif., speaks during his weekly press briefing on Capitol Hill, Thursday, April 22, 2021, in Washington.

Associated Press

tic about their chances of winning back control of the House in the 2022 elections. The GOP believes it has a trove of issues including border security and relaxing pandemic restrictions to use against Democrats and wants to focus there, not on internal party rifts.

But between now and next year’s elections, the GOP must resolve the power struggle between the party’s pro-Trump loyalists and those who believe he has damaged the party and country by repeatedly — and falsely — claiming that last November’s presidential election was stolen from him. The fight be-

tween Cheney and her critics stands as a microcosm of that battle. It also puts the GOP in the awkward position of seeking to oust its highest-ranking woman from her post at a time when the party is trying to erode Democrats’ decisive advantage among female voters.

Asked about McCarthy’s comments, Cheney spokesperson Jeremy Adler said in a written statement, “This is about whether the Republican Party is going to perpetuate lies about the 2020 election and attempt to whitewash what happened on Jan. 6. Liz will not do that. That is the

issue.” Further demonstrating the schism between the two GOP leaders, one top Republican congressional aide said McCarthy had weeks ago urged Cheney to stop talking about Trump, and her failure to do that has boosted frustration with her. McCarthy, who delivered a speech supporting her when House Republicans privately voted to keep her in February, will not do that this time, said the aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe internal conversations.

A vote on whether to remove Cheney could occur as early as next Wednes-

day, when House Republicans are next scheduled to meet. The House is not in session this week.

Potential contenders to replace Cheney include Reps. Elise Stefanik of New York and Jackie Walorski of Indiana, the aide said.

McCarthy was interviewed a day after Trump mounted a fresh offensive on his assertions. Numerous state and federal courts and local election officials have unearthed no evidence of widespread fraud in the 2020 voting, “The Fraudulent Presidential Election of 2020 will be, from this day forth, known as THE BIG LIE!” he wrote.

But Cheney, R-Wyo., quickly fired back. She was among 10 House Republicans who voted to impeach Trump for his role in encouraging the Jan. 6 attack by his supporters on the U.S. Capitol, and she used Twitter on Monday to respond to Trump.

“The 2020 presidential election was not stolen. Anyone who claims it was is spreading THE BIG LIE, turning their back on the rule of law, and poisoning our democratic system,” she wrote. In response to Cheney, Trump issued a fresh statement reiterating his desire to see her defeated by another Republican in next year’s Wyoming GOP primary and claiming that people in her state “never liked her much.” □

Government seeks 2-year prison sentence for ex-UAW leader

By **ED WHITE**

Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) —

Prosecutors are seeking a two-year prison sentence for a former president of the United Auto Workers who they say had “two lives” — as a leader of a blue-collar union and as a connoisseur of premium champagne and California vacation villas paid for with members’ dues.

“Future leaders must understand that substantial abuses of this trust — especially ones by the senior most leaders — will be severely punished,” the U.S. attorney’s office said in a court

filing Monday.

Dennis Williams pleaded guilty last year to an embezzlement scheme that turned union dues into a pot of cash for golf, lodging and fancy meals. Four bottles of champagne, for example, cost \$1,760. He will get his sentence on May 11.

Williams, who turns 68 next week, tried to portray himself as a reluctant participant. But the government said he came up with ways to conceal the spending.

“Dennis Williams tried to live two lives,” prosecutors Steven Cares and David Gardey wrote.

“On the one hand, at public events, he excoriated the things that were ‘wrong in the United States of America’ because union members ‘cannot buy the things they build.’ But in private, he exploited the hundreds of thousands of UAW members that he led.”

Williams’ lawyers said he has repaid \$132,000 to the UAW, which he led from 2014 to 2018.

They’re asking for a prison sentence of a year and a day, which would qualify him for good behavior credits and a shorter stay.

“Mr. Williams has taken all possible steps to right his



In a Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, file photo, then-United Auto Workers president Dennis Williams speaks during a roundtable with reporters in Detroit.

Associated Press

wrongs. ... When pleading guilty, Mr. Williams spoke at length regarding his deep regret for his misconduct,

apologizing to the UAW, his family, friends, and this court,” attorney Terra Reynolds said in a court filing. □

Idaho legislative intern reports rape, is ID'd by lawmaker

By REBECCA BOONE

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The harassment began soon after a report by a 19-year-old intern, who alleged an Idaho lawmaker raped her, became public.

One state representative sought a copy of the police report and made inquiries into how the young woman herself could be referred for criminal charges for reporting the alleged rape.

Another shared links to a far-right blog post that included the intern's name, photo and details about her life with thousands of people in a newsletter and on social media.

And members of an anti-government group tried to follow and harass the young woman after she was called to testify in a legislative ethics hearing.

"I can take criticism," the intern told The Associated Press in a phone interview Sunday evening. "But this, it's just overwhelming."

The AP doesn't name people who report sexual assaults unless they agree to be publicly named. She asked to use the name "Jane Doe."

The investigation into then-Rep. Aaron von Ehlinger, a Republican from Lewiston, underscores why many alleged sex crimes go unreported. Survivors can face stigma and disbelief when they come forward.

The Idaho probe began in March after the intern re-



Supporters of a 19-year-old legislative intern who reported she was raped by a lawmaker nearly two decades her senior gathered for a rally outside the Idaho Statehouse on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

ported that the lawmaker raped her after they went out to dinner. Von Ehlinger has denied all wrongdoing and maintains they had consensual sex. The Boise Police Department is investigating.

Von Ehlinger resigned after a legislative ethics committee found he engaged in "conduct unbecoming" a lawmaker. But the harassment faced by Doe didn't stop. Some are still calling her names and posting her photo online.

"You know that photo everyone is posting? I'm 12 years old in that photo," Doe said. "But the truth cannot be altered."

Doe said she was hoping to

network when she agreed to von Ehlinger's dinner invitation. After dinner, von Ehlinger brought her back to his apartment rather than her car because he said he'd forgotten something. Once there, Doe said, he forced her to perform oral sex, despite her saying "no." She said she froze.

"I got fixated on his curtains because they were bright red — I named them 'American red' in my head," she said. "I will never forget how disgusting I felt."

She reported the alleged assault to Statehouse officials and police two days later. Her complaint became public April 16.

Within hours, von Ehlinger's

supporters began publicizing Doe's identity. One of his attorneys released a letter that included Doe's real name. Two far-right websites posted Doe's name, and one included her photo.

"I respected them enough not to keep it a secret," Doe said of von Ehlinger's fellow lawmakers, "and they destroyed me."

Rep. Priscilla Giddings, a Republican, shared the link with Doe's name and photo in a newsletter to constituents and on social media. She called the allegations a "liberal smear job." Giddings has not responded to repeated requests for comment from the AP.

Associated Press

Rep. Heather Scott, also a Republican, filed a public record request seeking a copy of the young woman's police report. Scott approached Rep. Melissa Wintrow, a Democrat from Boise, to ask about how a person who files a false police report alleging sexual assault could be charged. Wintrow is a board member for the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence, which represents Jane Doe.

Scott refused to answer questions from the AP, saying only in an April 27 email: "I dont (sic) think you have your facts straight."

Doe kept showing up for work — partly because the ethics committee told her she needed to be available, she said. She felt like she was under a magnifying glass. "Nobody had the humanity to even look me in the eye, like I brought shame," she said.

Being called to testify publicly at the ethics hearing compounded the pain. She'd already testified in private, only to be stopped from describing the alleged rape by a committee member who said it might make everyone uncomfortable. Doe was shielded from public view during the hearing, and the committee warned everyone her identity should stay private. As Doe left, some onlookers who were there in support of von Ehlinger rushed out to try to film her. □

Once GOP governor of Florida, Crist now runs as Democrat



In this Nov. 1, 2020 file photo, U.S. Rep. Charlie Crist, D-Fla., before Jill Biden speaks to supporters while campaigning for her husband Democratic presidential candidate and former Vice President Joe Biden, during a campaign rally in Tampa, Fla.

Associated Press

By CURT ANDERSON

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — U.S. Rep. Charlie Crist, who served as Florida governor for a single term before running other offices, is seeking the state's highest office once again — this time as a Democrat.

After releasing videos Tuesday confirming his candidacy, Christ held an outdoor rally that sought to contrast his record with that of Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis.

"I'm running so you will be in charge again," Crist told

the crowd at a campaign kickoff rally in St. Petersburg. "No, friends, it will not be easy, but nothing worth doing is." U.S. Rep. Val Demings, Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried and former U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham are frequently mentioned as potential Democratic candidates. There may well be others.

In Tallahassee, Fried told reporters her aim is clear on running for governor, but it's not quite time to announce anything.

"As the only statewide elected Democrat it makes

absolute sense for me to be running for governor. But today is not the day for me to be making this announcement," Fried said. Crist has some built-in advantages in terms of name recognition and a strong fund-raising network, said Aubrey Jewett, political science professor at the University of Central Florida.

"He certainly has a shot to win. I'm not sure he will," Jewett said. "He has been around the block."

Crist, 64, does have a political resume that's hard to beat. □

German far-right crime rises; police arrest alleged neo-Nazi

By **FRANK JORDANS and DAVID RISING**
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Berlin police arrested a 53-year-old German man on suspicion of sending dozens of threatening letters to politicians, lawyers and journalists that were signed with the acronym of a neo-Nazi group, as officials warned Tuesday that statistics show a disturbing rise in far-right extremism across Germany.

Interior Minister Horst Seehofer said far-right crime rose 5.65% in 2020, accounting for more than half of all criminality categorized as "politically motivated."

"This shows again that right-wing extremism is the biggest threat for our country," Seehofer told reporters Tuesday while announcing the annual statistics.

In carrying out Monday's arrest in Berlin, police seized an unencrypted hard drive with data that might help with an ongoing probe, said Holger Muench, the head of Germany's Federal Criminal Police Office. "There was a lot of data, but it needs to be evaluated," he said.

The suspect, whose name wasn't released for privacy reasons, has previous convictions for "numerous crimes, including ones that were motivated by right-wing ideology," said prosecutors in Frankfurt, who are handling the case.

The letters were signed "NSU 2.0." A German group called the National Socialist Underground was responsible for a string of violent crimes between 1998 and

2011, including the racially motivated killings of nine men with immigrant backgrounds and a police officer. The group's name was

from Chancellor Angela Merkel's party was killed by a neo-Nazi; three months later, a gunman tried to force his way into a syna-

deeply shameful," he said. Moshe Kantor, president of the European Jewish Congress, said the German numbers highlight a broad-

concerns about the role the Alternative for Germany party allegedly played in stoking a climate of resentment toward immigrants and the government. The party, which placed third in Germany's 2017 election, has moved steadily to the right in recent years, drawing increasing scrutiny from the country's domestic intelligence agency.

On Tuesday, Alternative for Germany's section in Berlin condemned a member who appeared to lament the absence of attacks on Merkel.

The news website Business Insider reported that AfD's former chairman in Berlin, Guenter Brinker, forwarded a message stating that "either that piece of dirt is so well protected that nobody can get at her, or don't the Germans have any balls?"

Many in the AfD have expressed support for, and participated in, the regular protests in Germany against lockdown measures, organized by the so-called Querdenker movement. The demonstrations have become increasingly violent, and the country's domestic intelligence service late last month said it had put some members of the loose-knit Querdenker movement under observation.

The protests have brought together a broad range of demonstrators, including people opposing vaccinations, others who deny the existence of the coronavirus, mask opponents, conspiracy theorists and others. □



Horst Seehofer (CSU), Federal Minister of the Interior, for Construction and Home Affairs, presents the case figures of politically motivated crime for the year 2020 at the Federal Press Conference in Berlin, Germany, Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Associated Press

derived from the full name of the Nazi, or National Socialist, party.

Police think the suspect sent almost 100 letters to dozens of people and organizations across Germany and Austria since 2018. German news agency dpa reported that investigators think the suspect may have obtained personal data on the people he targeted from official records or Darknet forums.

German security agencies warned of the growing threat of violent far-right extremism. In July 2019, a regional politician

gogue on Yom Kippur, killing two people.

Seehofer said the new statistics reveal an ongoing increase in antisemitic crimes in Germany, which was up 15.7% in 2020 over 2019 with 2,351 total incidents 94.6% of which were committed by a far-right suspect.

Of the total, 62 were acts of violence while the majority were antisemitic hate speech and other related crimes, frequently on the internet or over social media, Seehofer said.

"This development in Germany is not only troubling, but in view of our history,

er issue. "This is a wake-up call, not just for Germany, but for the whole world," he said. "These figures should ring alarm bells, because we are seeing similar trends across the Western world." In 2020, Germany recorded a 72.4% increase in anti-immigrant crimes, up to 5,298 total cases over 3,073 in 2019, Seehofer said.

In the most deadly incident, nine people with immigrant backgrounds were shot dead in Hanau, near Frankfurt, in February by a gunman who had called for genocide.

Authorities have raised

Dutch teen 'pedophile hunters' convicted in fatal beating

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A Dutch court convicted five teens Tuesday for their involvement in the fatal beating of a 73-year-old man in what they described as a "pedophile hunt."

"By acting as their own judge, the boys seriously violated the rule of law," Gelderland Court said in a statement. "With this crime,

they caused unrest and insecurity in society."

The death of the retired teacher in October last year in the city of Arnhem led to an outpouring of anger and grief among friends and former pupils.

The youths, whose identities were not released, were given sentences ranging from six months to a year in juvenile detention. Their

ages ranged from 15 to 19 years.

Two were sentenced to a year, with half of the sentences suspended; three more were given six-month suspended sentences and ordered to perform 200 hours of unpaid community work. They also were ordered to pay some 60,000 euros (\$72,000) in damages to the victim's three

sons.

The convictions followed a number of similar attacks in which youths made contact with men they suspected were pedophiles in chat rooms and then attacked them.

"What the suspects have done is act as their own judge," the court said in its written judgment. "They lured somebody, decided

themselves that the person was a 'pedo,' that he therefore should be punished and they immediately meted out the punishment."

The court cited text messages that made clear that the victim, a former teacher, had said that he did not want to meet a 15-year-old boy because that was "too young." □

Philippine diplomat apologizes for profanity toward China

By JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

— The Philippines' foreign secretary apologized Tuesday after tweeting an obscene phrase demanding China get out of Philippine-claimed territory in the South China Sea in an outburst that annoyed the Philippine president.

Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. blasted China with the profanity on Monday, when the Department of Foreign Affairs announced it had protested the Chinese coast guard's "shadowing, blocking, dangerous maneuver and radio challenges" of Philippine coast guard ships patrolling and carrying out exercises from April 24 to 25 at disputed Scarborough Shoal.

Locsin also compared China to "an ugly oaf" which was "forcing your attentions on a handsome guy who wants to be a friend." Locsin said he was apologizing only to his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi, to ensure their friendship would continue. "I won't plead the last provocation as an excuse for losing it; but if Wang Yi is following Twitter, then I'm sorry for



In this Feb. 6, 2020, file photo, Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs Teodoro Locsin Jr. gestures during a senate hearing in Manila, Philippines.

Associated Press

hurting his feelings, but his alone," Locsin tweeted. President Rodrigo Duterte, who has nurtured friendly ties with China and its leaders since taking office in 2016, expressed his irritation in televised remarks Monday night. "Just because we have a conflict with China does not mean to say that we have to be rude and disrespectful," Duterte said. "We have

many things to thank China for the help in the past and its assistance now." China has donated and sold COVID-19 vaccines to the Philippines, which has struggled to secure enough doses to immunize up to 70 million Filipinos amid tight global supplies. Unlike Western governments, China also has not criticized Duterte's bloody anti-illegal drug crackdown,

which has left thousands of mostly petty suspects dead and alarmed human rights groups. The Philippines has issued dozens of diplomatic protests to China over the territorial dispute. Locsin and Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana have also issued increasingly acerbic remarks against Chinese actions in the disputed waters, despite Duterte's friendly

overtures to Beijing.

The escalating feud between Manila and Beijing started after more than 200 Chinese vessels suspected by Philippine authorities to be operated by militias were spotted in early March at Whitsun Reef. Lorenzana and Locsin demanded the vessels leave, then the government deployed navy and coast guard vessels to the area. China said it owns the reef and the Chinese vessels were sheltering from rough seas.

Many of the Chinese vessels have left Whitsun, about 175 nautical miles (325 kilometers) west of the Philippine province of Palawan, but several have remained moored in the area, part of a shallow atoll partly occupied by China and Vietnam. The Philippine government says the reef is within an internationally recognized offshore zone where Manila has exclusive rights to exploit fisheries, oil, gas and other resources. While being careful with his pronouncements on China, Duterte blasted two respected former Philippine officials who have criticized his handling of the country's territorial conflicts with Beijing. □

Lebanon and Israel resume indirect talks on maritime border

By FADI TAWIL

Associated Press

NAQOURA, Lebanon (AP)

— After a nearly six-month pause, Lebanon and Israel on Tuesday resumed indirect talks with U.S. mediation over their disputed maritime border.

The resumption comes after a new U.S. administration took over. Lebanon has sunk deeper into its economic and financial crisis that started in late 2019 a culmination of decades of corruption and mismanagement by the political class.

The small Mediterranean country is eager to resolve the border dispute with Israel, paving the way for

potential lucrative oil and gas deals.

Local media said the talks resumed at a U.N. post along the border known as Ras Naqoura, on the edge of the Lebanese border town of Naqoura. The Lebanese delegation will speak through U.N. and U.S. officials to the Israelis. American Ambassador John Desrocher, who serves as the U.S. mediator, arrived in Beirut Monday night to take part in the talks.

The U.S. has been mediating the issue for about a decade, but only late last year was a breakthrough reached on an agreement for a framework for

U.S.-mediated talks. The talks began in October but stopped few weeks later. Israel and Lebanon have no diplomatic relations and are technically in a state of war.

They each claim about 860 square kilometers (330 square miles) of the Mediterranean Sea as being within their own exclusive economic zones.

In the second round of talks, the Lebanese delegation a mix of army officers and experts offered a new map that pushes for an additional 1,430 square kilometers (550 square miles) for Lebanon. Lebanon's leadership is not united behind the



A UNIFIL Navy ship patrols in the Mediterranean Sea next to a base of the U.N. peacekeeping force, off the southern town of Naqoura, Lebanon, Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Associated Press

army command's decision regarding the extended area.

"There is weakness in the Lebanese stance and it is important for the Israelis to join the talks when Lebanon is in a weak position," said Laury Haytayan, a

Lebanese oil and gas expert.

Israel already has developed a natural gas industry elsewhere in its economic waters, producing enough gas for domestic consumption and to export to Egypt and Jordan. □

Mexico City metro overpass collapse kills at least 23

By E. EDUARDO CASTILLO
and FABIOLA SÁNCHEZ
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An elevated section of the Mexico City metro collapsed and sent the train plunging toward a busy boulevard late Monday, killing at least 23 people and injuring at least 79, city officials said. Rescuers found four bodies inside a rail car that was dangling from the overpass but were unable to remove them. It was not clear if those dead were included among the toll of 23. A crane carefully lowered the car to the ground Tuesday. Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum said one of the concrete beams collapsed as a train passed over it about 10:30 p.m. in one of the deadliest episodes in the history of the city's subway system, which is among the world's busiest.

Mexican Foreign Relations Secretary Marcelo Ebrard called the collapse "the most terrible accident we have ever had in mass transportation." Ebrard was Mexico City's mayor from 2006 to 2012, when the affected line was built. "The cause of the collapse of the beam must be established through an expert



An aerial view of subway cars dangle at an angle from a collapsed elevated section of the metro, in Mexico City, Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

investigation," Sheinbaum said. Earlier, she said someone had been pulled alive from a car on the road. She said 77 of the injured were hospitalized, adding that children were among the dead.

The overpass was about 5 meters (16 feet) above the road in the borough of Tlahuac, but the train ran above a concrete median

strip, which apparently lessened the casualties among motorists.

The Mexico City Metro which is among the world's cheapest with tickets costing about 25 cents has had at least three serious accidents since its inauguration half a century ago. In March 2020, a collision between two trains at the Tacubaya station left one

passenger dead and injured 41. In 2015, a train that did not stop on time crashed into another at the Oceania station, injuring 12. In October 1975, at least 26 people were killed in a metro accident.

Hundreds of police officers and firefighters cordoned off the scene as desperate friends and relatives of people believed to be on

the train gathered. Despite the fact that the coronavirus situation remains serious in Mexico City, they crowded together waiting for news.

Adrián Loa Martínez, 46, said his mother called him to tell him that his half-brother and sister-in-law were driving when the overpass collapsed and that a beam fell onto their car.

He said that his sister-in-law was sent to a hospital, but that his half brother José Juan Galindo was crushed and he feared he was dead. "He is down there now," he told journalists, pointing to the site.

Gisela Rioja Castro, 43, was looking for her 42-year-old husband, Miguel Ángel Espinoza. She said he always takes that train after work, but he never got home and had stopped answering his phone. "Nobody knows anything," she said. The collapse occurred on Line 12, the subway's newest. It stretches far into the city's south side. Like many of the dozen subway lines, it runs underground through more central areas of the city of 9 million but is on elevated concrete structures on the outskirts. □

Associated Press

Eritrea's president visits Sudan amid tensions over Ethiopia

By SAMY MAGDY
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Eritrea's president arrived in Khartoum on Tuesday for talks with Sudanese officials amid tensions over a long-time border dispute between Sudan and Ethiopia. President Isaias Afwerki landed at Khartoum's international airport and was received by Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, head of Sudan's ruling sovereign council. The two leaders then began closed-door talks on cooperation and ways to develop ties between the two countries, according to a statement from the Sudanese sovereign council.

It said the two also discussed regional issues in apparent reference to the



President of the Sudanese Transitional Council General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, right, and Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki meet in Khartoum, Sudan, Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Associated Press

border tensions between Ethiopia and Sudan and a decade-long dispute over a massive dam Ethiopia is building over the Blue Nile. The statement did not provide further details.

The two-day visit comes after Sudan in February accused a third party of siding with Ethiopia in its border dispute with Sudan. It was likely referring to Eritrea, which has deployed

troops to the Tigray region to fight alongside Ethiopian federal forces in the conflict there. Following Sudan's accusation, Eritrea dispatched its foreign minister to Sudan who assured Khartoum that Eritrea was not part of the dispute between Sudan and Ethiopia. The decades-long disagreement centers on large swaths of agricultural land Sudan says are within its borders in the al-Fashqa area, which Ethiopian farmers have cultivated it for years. The Tigray conflict in Ethiopia, which has resulted in an influx of refugees into Sudan, has exacerbated the dispute.

The dispute escalated in November after Sudan deployed troops to the territories it says are occupied

by Ethiopian farmers and militias.

Sudan and Ethiopia have since held rounds of talks to try and settle the dispute, most recently in Khartoum in December, but have not made progress. Khartoum has said its forces have reclaimed most of its territory. But it has called on Ethiopia to withdraw troops from at least two points it says are inside Sudan under an agreement that demarcated the borders between the two nations in the early 1900s.

Ethiopia, however, accused Sudan of taking advantage of the deadly conflict in Tigray to enter Ethiopian territory and loot property, kill civilians and displace thousands of people. □

Meet artist Rani Melwani Varde

ORANJESTAD — Rani Melwani Varde has a great love for art. This can be seen and felt in her paintings, pottery and pyrography works. She is also a spiritual teacher and offers free meditation courses to people of all ages.

Born in the gorgeous mountain city of Shillong in North India, Rani had a creative flair from her earliest memories. Always fascinated by the delicate balance of colors in nature, Rani has endeavored to replicate the same in her artwork. Her unique style "NIRA" which in Sanskrit means flowing like water, is her way of



depicting the ever-changing flow of colors in life. Rani incorporates her Indian heritage in some of her paintings. Being at the confluence of two cultures, she enjoys blending Indian and Western elements in the 'Nira' style. As a matter of fact, even her signature contains a balance of Indian and western scripts. Her deep awe for the mother and child balance of the life is reflected in her artwork.

Pottery and Pyrography are two other art forms that Rani pursues. One of Rani's greatest joys is inspiring others to follow their passions. She gives pottery & pyrography classes to adults and children on the island.

A driving force behind Rani's life is her daily habit of meditation that she has practiced for the last 25 years. She says that the outward manifestation of what she feels within is reflected in her art. Whenever she paints, she is in a state of thoughtless awareness and in that state she is able to achieve results on canvas and wood that are breathtaking.

Rani attributes her talent, inspiration and more to her Spiritual teacher and guide Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi (1923-2011) who traveled around the world tirelessly from 1970 -2008 teaching the ancient art of meditation to one and all, absolutely free. Rani also gives meditation courses on the island of Aruba. These courses are absolutely free and can be practiced by people of all ages. To find out more about the Meditation technique and free courses around the world click <http://sahajayogaaruba.org>



sahajayogaaruba.org or contact her at +297 5935628. Rani would like to invite you to her art exhibition taking place this month until October 2021 at Aruba Chamber of Commerce (Opposite of the Divi & Tamarijn hotel). You can visit the exhibition from Monday to Friday from 8am till 4pm. Entrance is Free.□



Sunset Grille
PRIME STEAKHOUSE

★★★★★

OPEN 5:30PM - 10:00PM
Reservations: +297 526 6612 | hiltonconcierge@depalmtours.com

Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino
J.E. Irausquin Blvd. 81, Palm Beach, Aruba | hiltonaruba.com | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/HiltonAruba) [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/HiltonAruba) [TikTok](https://www.tiktok.com/HiltonAruba) [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/HiltonAruba)

Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds Caribisch Gebied ("PBCCG") calls for connection with art via the COVID Art Project!



The submitted creations will be compiled in an art video and will be shown daily in June 2021 via PBCCG's online communication channels. This whole month the art impulses that have emerged from the limited possibilities of the pandemic, will be put in the spotlight.

With this project, Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds Caribisch Gebied wants to underline its appreciation and recognition for the cultural developers, and highlight the power and importance of the connection through art and culture!

Local artists who have developed a beautiful creation despite this difficult period can send their entry to: info@pbccaribbean.com or visit the website for more information: www.pbccaribbean.com.□

WILLEMSTAD — As of Wednesday May 5, 2021 the PBCCG will start with the COVID art project.

From this day on, the Fund will call on all artists of the Dutch Caribbean to submit a COVID-inspired creation via the various PBCCG online communication channels (website, mail, social media). The entry deadline is Wednesday May 19th 2021.

MONDAY MADNESS AND BINGO ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

WILDER
Wednesday

— WIN A SHARE OF UP TO —

\$1,000 in
Free Slot Play

Every Wednesday | 10am to 8:30pm

Earn 25 points and swipe at any kiosk to play.
Win \$20 to \$100 in Free Slot Play.
Play up to five times each Wednesday.Alhambra
CASINO AND SHOPS

Open daily 9am to 10pm | J.E. Irausquin Blvd #47 | 583.5000 | casinoalhambra.com

Play Responsibly. Visit www.gamblersanonymous.org if you or someone you know has a gambling problem.THE SHOPS
AT ALHAMBRA CASINOOffering a wide variety of Retail & Dining Outlets,
Salon & Spa Services, Souvenirs and more.

Dunkin Donuts | Baskin Robbins | Hungry Piranha

Aruba Aloe | Shalom Body & Soul Spa

The Brownstone Ribs & Seafood

MAGNET — Perfume, Jewelry & Cosmetics

Coming Soon: Shalom Hair & Nails Bar

The Aruba Tourism Authority honors loyal visitors

PALM BEACH —Recently, Kimberley Richardson of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba. The Goodwill Ambassador certificate is presented to guests who visit Aruba 20 years and more consecutively.

This time, I was given the wonderful pleasure to honor the lovely couple Mr. Jef-

frey & Mrs. Marianne Harrison from USA. It is incredibly beautiful to see that Aruba has so many loyal visitors, and we ensure to always make them feel welcomed and appreciated whenever they visit us in Aruba.

Couple Harrison stated that they love the island very much, especially for its year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches and picturesque sunsets, its peacefulness and beauty, our delicious Drinkwater,

and Aruba's warm and friendly people whom have become like family to them.

Richardson together with the representatives of the Marriott Aruba Ocean Club presented the certificate to the honorees, handed over some presents and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home-away-from-home. □



Ground-breaking Shark Research Conducted in St. Maarten Waters

Cole Bay- During the week of April 11, 2021, members from the Nature Foundation St. Maarten, the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA), the Saba Conservation Foundation (SCF), and Beneath the Waves conducted multiple 'scientific firsts' as part of the "Shark Shakedown" project. The research expedition was a part of a wider research project into tiger sharks in the region funded by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF-NL) through the Biodiversity Funds and the Dutch National Postcode Lottery. The researchers tagged eleven sharks, including for the first time a female pregnant tiger and endangered Caribbean reef shark in the Dutch Caribbean. The data will provide vital information for conservation strategies not only in St. Maarten, but for the wider Caribbean.

The expedition lasted five days in which three species of sharks were tagged, including tiger sharks (*Galeocerdo cuvier*), Caribbean reef sharks (*Carcharhinus perezi*), and nurse sharks (*Ginglymostoma cirratum*) all ranging from sub-adults to adults.

Participants received hands-on training with experts from Beneath the Waves in preparation for the upcoming expedition to the Saba Bank in August 2021. The goal of this upcoming expedition is to determine whether the Saba Bank is a breeding area for tiger sharks in the Eastern Caribbean. The high-definition ultrasound technology the team used was created by E. I. Medical Imaging and pioneered by collaborator Dr. James Sulikowski, of Arizona State University. This technology has successfully been used to identify maturity state and the stage of pregnancy in various shark species, a first for shark science in the region.

The scientists successfully confirmed early pregnancy stage in a large female tiger shark, as well as placed a satellite tag on the shark during the workup process. Using satellite tracking over the next few months, the scientists hope to confirm evidence of Sint Maarten being a breeding location for these globally threatened animals. In another shark tagging 'first', Beneath the Waves' Chief Scientist, Dr. Austin Gallagher, placed the first camera tag on a tiger shark in the

Dutch Caribbean. The team successfully recovered the camera package during the expedition, and the animal has already shown promising results regarding shark behavior in the region.

Both the satellite tag and camera tag have shown that these tiger sharks prefer to travel in the area between St. Maarten and St. Barths; however, these are only the first detections. No assumptions can be made yet regarding the movement of these animals.

The information gained from this research will provide a better understanding of the importance of both the status of sharks in Sint Maarten's territorial waters and in the Yarari Sanctuary and the role these ecosystems play in the life-cycle of tiger sharks in the wider Caribbean region. Tiger sharks are currently categorized as Near-Threatened by the International Union for Conservation of Nature while Caribbean reef sharks have very recently been upgraded to Endangered. Sharks play key roles in maintaining the balance within local and regional marine ecosystems and maintaining biodiversity and therefore their protection is crucial.



Photo credit: Sami Kattan/Beneath the Waves (all rights reserved)

Follow the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance's Facebook, Instagram ([dcnanature](https://www.facebook.com/dcnanature)) or DCNA's website (<https://dcnanature.org/news/>) to learn more about the shark expedition and other nature news from the Dutch Caribbean.

Disclaimer Though we are still in the midst of a pandemic, the partners of this project have strived to ensure all participants were safe to work amongst each other and to continue the important work of nature conservation in the Dutch Caribbean.

For more information please contact the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance by email info@dcnanature.org or phone +599.717.5010. □

Introduction coordination center human trafficking human smuggling (CMMA)

ORANJESTAD - Coordination Center Human Trafficking Human Smuggling (CMMA) introduces itself to the community of Aruba.

The Coordination Center for Human Trafficking and Smuggling (CMMA) is the center for all crimes related to human trafficking and human smuggling in Aruba.

The CMMA is here to receive and provide information, educate the community with training and awareness campaigns, and assist victims of human trafficking. Since 2007, the government of Aruba declared a fierce fight against human trafficking and smuggling and in 2008 the Coordination Center for Human Trafficking and Smuggling (CMMA) was established. Much progress has been made so far and Aruba has

been awarded more than once internationally for their outstanding fight against human trafficking and smuggling. A task force has been set up to advise the government and a special unit has been formed within the police force to investigate these matters.

The CMMA introduces itself with a jingle explaining what the booth stands for and what they do and how to contact them. This jingle was produced by local artist Janiro "Atanero" Eisdien and published on social media. Together we can fight all types of crimes in Aruba.

The CMMA can be reached via E-mail: info@cmmaruba.com or on Facebook CMMA Aruba. For more information, please contact +297 5975223 during office hours. In case of an emergency call +297 5923231 (hotline 24/7).



Help the Rotaract Club of Aruba collect hygienic products for our elders



ORANJESTAD — Rotaract is ready to start with the 15th consecutive "One for me, one for you" project. This year the goal is to collect hygienic products for the elderly who reside in SABA. In total they consist of 188 persons.

How/Where/When/What

During the entire month of May 2021 you can find us on Saturdays and Sundays at the OP=OP shop in Italiestraat from 9am to 1pm. Come in and shop. There are fifteen items in total on the list. These are hygienic articles that are used on a daily basis by the elderly folk, such as soaps, creams, deodorants, etc.

How else can you help?

- Opt to make a cash donation at the OP=OP store at Italiestraat location.
- Contact the Rotaract Club directly at +2975655045 to donate hygienic products or are a monetary donation. One complete hygienic product package is worth 75,- Aruban guilders.

About Rotaract

Rotaract originally began as a Rotary International youth program in 1968 and has grown into a major Rotary-sponsored organization of over 9,030 clubs spread around the world and 207,690 members. It is a service, leadership and community service organization for young men and women. Rotaract focuses on the development of young adults as leaders in their communities and workplaces. Clubs around the world also take part in international service projects, in a global effort to bring peace and interna-



tional understanding to the world. The Rotaract Club of Aruba was installed in 1991.

For more information visit their facebook page Rotaract Club of Aruba. □



ORANJESTAD — You are back and we would like to portrait you! By inviting you to send us your favorite vacation picture while enjoying our Happy Island.

Complete the sentence: Aruba to me is Send your picture with that text (including your name and where you are from) to: news@arubatoday.com and we will publish

Aruba to me.....

your vacation memory. Isn't that a special way to keep your best moments alive? Please do note: By submitting photos, text or any other materials, you give permission to The Aruba Today Newspaper, Caribbean Speed Printers and any of its affiliated companies to use said materials, as well as names, likeness, etc. for promotional purposes without compensation.

Last but not least: check out our website, Instagram and Facebook page! Thank you for supporting our free newspaper, we strive to make you a happy reader every day again.

For today we received a wonderful picture from the lovely couple **Dan & Kathy Pedriani** who are celebrating a special occasion this year. They wrote:

"Each time we come to Aruba, we fall in love all over again. This year we celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary in Aruba." Dan & Kathy are seen here enjoying a romantic dinner at Papiamento Restaurant

Congratulations Dan & Kathy on your 50th wedding anniversary, we wish you many more years of happiness together. From Aruba Today Team. □

Millennial Money: Befriend your money and reap the benefits

By **LAURA MCMULLEN** of **NerdWallet**

What's your relationship with money? Maybe your personal finances are like a distant cousin you barely think about or an unsettling stranger you avoid. Or perhaps money feels like your enemy, frustrating you and rarely doing what you want.

In fact, 31% of Americans said they feel anxious when thinking about the current state of their personal finances, according to a NerdWallet survey last year.

That sounds exhausting. What if you thought of money as your friend instead? A more positive relationship can help you feel more confident and empowered to make the most of your money.

Addie McHale, a Denver-based certified financial planner, gives the following tips for befriending your money.

"These are things you can start to do today," she says. "You don't even have to get out a calculator."

GIVE YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION

If you've ever grown apart from someone, you know that friendship takes work. Making quality time for each other and not scrolling Instagram while you're



In this Jan. 21, 2020 file photo, dollar bills have been dropped into a tip jar at a carwash in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

Associated Press

supposed to be listening is key.

So spend meaningful time with your money. Schedule check-ins to review your recent spending. Hop into your retirement account to monitor its progress. Peek at the debts you're repaying.

McHale, who's also the founder of the financial services business Moneyfull, says that "miracles happen" when her clients start

paying attention to their money and taking action. They gain momentum, she says.

For example, spend time tracking your spending and you may spot opportunities to cut expenses. You make those trims, and now you've saved money. Next, you're looking into where to put that extra cash. Now, looky here, you're investing, contributing to a savings goal or putting more toward

paying off debt — all because you took the time to scan your spending.

TAKE AN INTEREST

You know that friend you know everything about their birthday, beverage of choice, feelings about their mom? You know that stuff because you took an interest and learned it.

Same goes for your friendship with money. In addition to giving time and attention to your finances,

make an effort to learn more. Seek out articles and books about money, discuss it with friends and family or consider getting professional guidance, like through a financial advisor. McHale recommends trying a money podcast. "There are lots of ways to learn and incorporate it into your life very easily," she says. "Anyone can listen to a podcast while they're walking outside."

SHOW APPRECIATION

Of course, you want more money. McHale points out that society often pushes the mindset that "you never have enough and should always buy more, more, more." But, she says, "we have to get off that train and start to appreciate what we have."

Try reflecting on what your money has allowed you to do. Or appreciate yourself for trying to understand your finances better. Or follow McHale's advice: "Get in the habit of saying, 'What am I grateful for today?'" No, this gratitude won't make you rich, but it will help you develop a more positive relationship with money. It's like associating your friend with their warmth and thoughtfulness rather than their perpetual tardiness. □

Treasury announces plans to borrow \$463 billion this quarter

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury Department says it expects to borrow \$463

billion in the current April-June quarter and \$2.28 trillion for the full budget year, as the government finances continued pan-

demic relief measures.

Treasury officials announced Monday that the \$463 billion in borrowing for the current quarter represented a significant jump from a borrowing estimate for the current quarter of \$95 billion made in February.

The big increase of \$368 billion was attributed to passage of a \$1.9 trillion support measure that President Joe Biden pushed through Congress in March which provided another round of relief payments totaling \$1,400 per individual plus other support including an extension of emergency unemployment benefits.

The April-June borrowing estimate follows actual Treasury borrowing of \$401 billion in the January-March quarter and \$597 billion in borrowing done in the October-December period, the first quarter in the government's budget year.

The Treasury on Monday projected a borrowing need of \$821 billion for the July-September quarter, the final quarter of this 2021 budget year.

That would bring total borrowing this year to \$2.28 trillion, a significant amount but down from borrowing last year which totaled \$4.01 trillion.

That borrowing was need-

ed to support an all-time high budget deficit of \$3.1 trillion, a figure that reflected trillions of dollars in government support provided to blunt the impact of the adverse effects of the pandemic, which forced widespread closures and the loss of millions of jobs. Private economists are forecasting this year's deficit could hit \$3.3 trillion or more.

Treasury said its estimate of borrowing needs assumes that the government will have a balance of cash on hand of \$450 billion when the current suspension of the government's borrowing limit expires on July 31. □



This June 6, 2019, file photo shows the U.S. Treasury Department building at dusk in Washington.

Associated Press

Groups say gunshot detection systems unreliable, seek review

By **DON BABWIN** and **SARA BURNETT**
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The gunshot detection system that set in motion the recent fatal police shooting of a 13-year-old boy in Chicago routinely reports gunshots where there are none, sending officers into predominantly Black and Latino neighborhoods for “unnecessary and hostile” encounters, community groups argued in a court filing Monday.

The groups and the MacArthur Justice Center at Northwestern University’s law school asked a Cook County judge to scrutinize the ShotSpotter system to determine if it is “sufficiently trustworthy” to be allowed as evidence in a criminal case. The filing supports a request by defense attorneys for a man charged with murder in a case in which prosecutors are using ShotSpotter information as evidence.

The groups say a study of Chicago police data found that over a nearly 22-month period ending in mid-April, almost 90% of ShotSpotter alerts didn’t result in officers reporting evidence of shots fired or of any gun crime. The technology is only used in 12 police districts with the city’s largest proportion of Black and Latino residents, which the groups say “inflates



In this Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017 file photo, members of the Chicago Police Department work with new “ShotSpotter” predictive and tracking technologies in a strategic decision support center at the Chicago Police Department 11th district headquarters in Chicago.

statistics about supposed gunfire in these communities, creating a faulty, tech-based justification for ever more aggressive policing.” “These deployments create an extremely dangerous situation for residents, prompting unnecessary and hostile police encounters, and creating the conditions for abusive police tactics that have plagued Chicago for decades,” the groups wrote.

ShotSpotter, a California based company that produces the gunshot detection system, has contracts

with over 100 police departments nationwide. In Chicago, it sent an average of 71.4 alerts to officers each day during the period studied, according to the court filing.

That included the March 29 alert that led to the fatal shooting of 13-year-old Adam Toledo by a Chicago officer.

The Chicago Police Department and other agencies have long praised the system, saying it puts officers on the scene of shootings far faster than if they wait for someone to call 911 to report gunfire.

In Chicago, its use was expanded in response to increases in violent crime; police say crime rates not residents’ race determine where the technology is deployed.

On Monday, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said the technology, along with cameras and high-tech support centers staffed with police, “no question whatsoever is a lifesaver.”

“It’s the whole package and ShotSpotter plays an important role,” Lightfoot said.

Company officials say ShotSpotter improves police relationships with communities by enhancing investigations, more quickly transporting shooting victims to

hospitals and responding to gunfire even if no one calls 911, which they say happens in most instances.

“Our technology fills the gap in Chicago and 110 other cities across the United States, helping deploy officers to crime in real-time, saving lives,” ShotSpotter said in a statement.

There was little question that shots were fired in the lead-up to Adam’s death in a dark alley in Little Village, a predominantly Latino neighborhood.

Days after Police Superintendent David Brown told the media that the sound of gunfire was picked up by ShotSpotter, the materials released to the public included both video that appeared to show someone firing several shots in the neighborhood and a ShotSpotter audio recording of the sound of that gunfire.

Police were responding to those shots when Officer Eric Stillman chased Adam and shot him, a split second after the boy appeared to drop or toss a gun.

The court filing tells a different story: one of a system that prompts officers to race to scenes where they think they may encounter armed suspects and are thus more inclined to use lethal force.

It says the ShotSpotter sys-

tem which the business says detects gunshots with “97% accuracy” sent Chicago officers on an average of 61 “dead end” searches per day, possibly because it doesn’t accurately distinguish between shots and other loud noises, such as firecrackers and backfiring cars.

But the number of “dead end” searches does not address a reality in Chicago: People who fire guns often run away or, especially in a city where drive-by shootings are routine, gunmen are often blocks and even miles away by the time police arrive.

The system is especially dangerous in Chicago, according to the filing, because of the police department’s decades-long reputation for using unnecessary force.

“Residents who happen to be in the vicinity of a false alert will be regarded as presumptive threats, likely to be targeted by police for investigatory stops, foot pursuits, or worse,” the filing says.

Furthermore, dispatching officers to predominantly minority neighborhoods has not reduced crime in those areas.

“To the contrary, academic research has found that ShotSpotter and similar acoustic gunshot detection systems (“AGDS”) do not reduce serious violent crime and do not even increase the number of confirmed shootings that police identify,” according to the filing.

On Saturday, the department reported there were 187 homicides in the first four months of the year compared to 156 in the same period last year, and the number of shooting victims had jumped from 718 in the first four months of last year to 997 this year.

The groups involved in Monday’s court filing include the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, which represents residents in a predominantly Latino neighborhood of Chicago, and the digital-rights nonprofit organization Lucy Parsons Labs.□

Conceptis Sudoku
By Dave Green

	7	9				3	2	
8			3		9			7
5			1		2			9
7			9		1			5
4			7		8			3
6			4		5			2
3			8		7			1
9			2		4			6
	1	4				9	7	

Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/05

©2021 Conceptis Puzzles, Dist. by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Wine that went to space for sale with \$1 million price tag

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The wine is out of this world. The price is appropriately stratospheric. Christie's said Tuesday it is selling a bottle of French wine that spent more than a year in orbit aboard the International Space Station. The auction house thinks a wine connoisseur might pay as much as \$1 million to own it.

The Pétrus 2000 is one of 12 bottles sent into space in November 2019 by researchers exploring the potential for extraterrestrial agriculture. It returned 14 months later subtly altered, according to wine experts who sampled it at a tasting in France. Tim Tiptree, international director of Chris-



A bottle of Petrus red wine that spent a year orbiting the world in the International Space Station is pictured in Paris Monday, May 3, 2021.

Associated Press

tie's wine and spirits department, said the space-aged wine was "matured in a unique environment" of near zero-gravity aboard the space station. The trip turned a \$10,000-a-bottle wine known for its complexity, silky, ripe tannins and flavors of black cherry, cigar box and leather into a scientific novelty and still a fine bottle of wine, Tiptree said. □

Casa Del Mar
2 BR , 2 Bath
Week 20 room # 1508
Top Floor Ocean / Pool View
Price : \$ 8 ,5 K
Call: 011-297-630-1307
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

Time Share Resales + Realty

Own or Rent a piece of the Rock
For up to 70 % Off stay @ 5 Star Resort

* All inventory available

Visit our website :

www.halleytimetravelaruba.com

For more info call: (297) 630-1307

johnnypaesch@gmail.com

also visit(new):

www.halleyadventures.com



Classifieds

Marriott Ocean Club

Gold Season

1 BR Ocean View \$5 K

2 BR Ocean View \$8 K

1 BR Ocean Front \$9 K

2 BR Ocean Front \$12 K

Call: 011-297-630-1307

johnnypaesch@gmail.com

Marriott Surf Club

Gold Season

2 BR Garden View \$ 7 K

2 BR Ocean View \$ 8 K

2 BR Ocean Side \$ 9 K

2 BR Ocean Front \$12 K

3 BR Ocean View \$13 K

Call: 011-630-1307

johnnypaesch@gmail.com

La Cabana Beach and Casino

1 BR WK 18 Room # 110 A

\$4 K

Studio WK 18 Room # 110 B

\$3 K

Sunday check in Pool/

ocean view

Call : 011-297-630-1307

johnnypaesch@gmail.com

Aruba Divi Phoenix

1 BR , 2 bath

WK 18/ 19 room # 650

Pool/ ocean view

30 weeks remain each

Price : \$8,5 K each

Call: 011-297-630-1307

johnnypaesch@gmail.com

All Time Share Owners

Want to sell your Time -Share

In Aruba ? Contact the expert

Free Aprassail ,No upfront list-

ing

Call 011-297-630-1307

johnnypaesch@gmail.com

Tierra Del Sol

3 BR 2 1/2 bath

Full finish with garage

Golf and ocean view

Price : \$450 K

Call : 011-297-630-1307

johnnypaesch@gmail.com

Oasis Condo

3 BR 2 Bath

Top floor right at Eagle Beach

Full furnish

Price : \$650 K

Call : 011-297-630-1307

johnnypaesch@gmail.com

Sunset Residence

2 BR , 2 Bath

Full furnish at Eagle beach

Price : \$490 K

Call : 011-297-630-1307

johnnypaesch@gmail.com

Casa del Mar 2BR/2B

Week 7&8/1408 (18k/Wk.);

Week 8/1113; 8/1409 (17k/Wk.);

Week 9/1218 (15k);

Week 10/1207 (15k);

Week 11/1419 (13k);

Week 13/1509 (13k);

Week 14/1308 (13k);

Week 15/1217 (10k); and,

Weeks 2-6 also available!

CDMOwner@gmail.com

U.S. (860)992-3890

213823

FOR SALE

Alto Vista Real Estate

Villa with 4 Apts in San Miguel,

Noord

Airbnb income potential

\$490k 6bds/7bath 3,961 ft2

www.altovista.aw

Call +297 747 0827

214110



Editor

Caribbean Speed Printers N.V.

Aruba Bank N.V. Acc. #332668

Caribbean Mercantile Bank N.V.

Acc. #23951903

RBC Royal Bank Acc. #1330772

Assistant Director

Xiomara Arends

Editors

Liza Koolman (Management assistant)

Richard Brooks

Linda Reijnders

Sales

Linda Reijnders

(linda.reijnders@cspnv.com)

Sulaika Croes

Classifieds

classified@cspnv.com

Distribution and Collection

accounting@bondia.com

Social / Website

Juan Luis Pinto

Pilar Flores

Columnists

Anthony Croes

Joris Zantvoort

Thais Franken

Weststraat 22

T: 582-7800

E: news@arubatoday.com

W: www.arubatoday.com

@arubatoday

214119



HEALTH

DOCTOR ON DUTY

Oranjestad

Hospital 7:00 pm / 10:00pm

Tel. 527 4000

San Nicolas

Imsan 24 hours

Tel. 524 8833

PHARMACY ON DUTY

Oranjestad:

Kibrahacha Tel. 583 4908

San Nicolas:

Aloe Tel. 584 4606

OTHER

Dental Clinic 587 9850

Blood Bank Aruba 587 0002

Urgent Care 586 0448

Walk-In Doctor's Clinic

+297 588 0539

EMERGENCY

Police	100
Oranjestad	527 3140
Noord	527 3200
Sta. Cruz	527 2900
San Nicolas	584 5000
Police Tipline	11141
Ambulancia	911
Fire Dept.	115
Red Cross	582 2219

TAXI SERVICES

Taxi Tas	587 5900
Prof. Taxi	588 0035
Taxi D.T.S.	587 2300
Taxi Serv. Aruba	583 3232
A1 Taxi Serv.	280 2828

TRAVEL INFO

Aruba Airport	524 2424
American Airlines	582 2700
Avianca	588 0059
Jet Blue	588 2244
Surinam	582 7896

AID FOUNDATIONS

FAVI- Visually Impaired
Tel. 582 5051

Alcoholics Anonymous
Tel. 736 2952

Narcotics Anonymous
Tel. 583 8989

Fundacion Contra Violencia
Relacional Tel. 583 5400

Centre for Diabetes
Tel. 524 8888

Child Abuse Prevention
Tel. 582 4433

Quota Club Tel. 525 2672

General Info

Phone Directory Tel. 118



facebook.com/arubatoday/

New kids' TV show emerges from the Mister Rogers universe

By **MARK KENNEDY**
AP Entertainment Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Mister Rogers' neighborhood is expanding.

In rare welcome news of sprawl, PBS Kids is releasing a new puppet-led series called "Donkey Hodie," inspired from characters in the original Fred Rogers TV show. "Every part of it seems to be infused with joy and heart and humor," says Adam Rudman, who co-created and co-produced the show with his brother, David. "And I think that's something that Fred Rogers would appreciate." The whimsical series for children ages 3-5 starts airing Monday and centers on the adventures of Donkey Hodie, an enthusiastic yellow donkey with a bright magenta mane. She's the granddaughter of the donkey puppet Rogers created back when TV shows were in black and white.

"This is a show about a little donkey with big dreams. It's about persistence, it's about resilience and it's about frustration and things going wrong," says Ellen Doherty, chief creative officer of Fred Rogers Productions. During each 15-minute episode, Donkey Hodie learns lessons, like why fol-



This image released by PBS Kids shows puppet characters Purple Panda, left, and Donkey Hodie from the new series, "Donkey Hodie," inspired from characters in the original Fred Rogers TV show. Associated Press

lowing a recipe step-by-step makes sense and the importance of making a plan before tackling a big project. She's helped by a colorful gang of friends Purple Panda, Bob Dog and Duck Duck, each of whom brings something to the table.

If Donkey is the one who comes up with an idea, Panda is the supportive friend, telling her she can do it. Bob Dog is the enthusiastic helper and Duck Duck is the practical pal, asking how they're going to succeed.

"We really worked hard on

the character blend," says David Rudman, who performs Bob Dog and Donkey's grandfather and also directs the episodes. "They all bring something interesting and they work really well together."

The song-filled series is set in land of Someplace Else, named after the place where parents are always asking noisy kids to go. It has a windmill — an original Don Quixote joke by Rogers but the creators have built a wonky land with rolling hills and no straight lines.

"All the little details every flower, every bush, every

tree everything on there is made by somebody. It's made by hand. So nothing is built in a computer," says David Rudman.

The new series is metaphorically connected by cobblestone path to both the animated "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" and the mother ship, "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood."

"We are proud that once again we'll be sharing the ideas and teachings of Fred Rogers with kids and families, just as we did with 'Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood,'" says Linda Simensky, head of content for PBS

Kids. Doherty notes there are lots of Easter eggs hidden throughout the new world, including nods to familiar sights on "Mister Rogers" like Trolley, the fish tank and a porch swing.

The creators chose to go with puppets instead of animation because of their expressive nature. "Young children have very big emotions and it just felt like puppets were the best way to express that for this world," says Doherty.

The project started when the Rudmans, who founded Spiffy Pictures and whose projects include "Nature Cat," were tapped to breathe new life into minor characters from the "Mister Rogers Neighborhood." They pored over old footage of the show and dug into the history.

"We started to discover these really funny, quirky, obscure characters that a lot of people didn't know," says David Rudman.

"We redesigned them. We gave them new personalities in most cases and updated them to fit how the show was going," says Adam Rudman, who is head writer and while not a performer, can occasionally be heard as a background voice. □

Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, to release 1st children's book

By **The Associated Press**
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, is releasing her first children's book, one

rooted in the relationship between Prince Harry and their son, Archie. Random House Children's Books announced Tuesday



This combination photo shows Meghan, Duchess of Sussex leaving Canada House in London, on Jan. 7, 2020, left, and cover art for her upcoming children's book "The Bench," with pictures by Christian Robinson.

Associated Press

that "The Bench" will be released June 8.

It is illustrated by award-winning illustrator Christian Robinson and Meghan will narrate the audiobook edition. The book features a diverse group of fathers and sons and moments they share, according to a statement announcing the release. The book grew out of a poem Meghan wrote for Harry for their first Father's Day after Archie's birth, the statement said.

"That poem became this story," Meghan said. "Christian layered in beautiful and ethereal watercolor illustrations that capture the warmth, joy and comfort of the relationship between fathers and sons

from all walks of life; this representation was particularly important to me, and Christian and I worked closely to depict this special bond through an inclusive lens."

The book is one of several projects that Meghan and Harry have announced since stepping away from royal duties in early 2020. Meghan, the actor formerly known as Meghan Markle, narrated the Disney nature film "Elephant" and the couple has a Netflix deal. Their first project for the streaming service focuses on the Invictus Games, a competition for sick and injured military personnel and veterans that was championed by

Harry. Archie turns 2 on Thursday. Meghan and Harry are expecting their second child, a girl, later this year.

Robinson wrote and illustrated "Another" and "You Matter," and won Caldecott and Coretta Scott King honors for his art in "Last Stop on Market Street." □

1	7	9	5	8	6	3	2	4
8	2	6	3	4	9	1	5	7
5	4	3	1	7	2	8	6	9
7	3	2	9	6	1	4	8	5
4	5	1	7	2	8	6	9	3
6	9	8	4	3	5	7	1	2
3	6	5	8	9	7	2	4	1
9	8	7	2	1	4	5	3	6
2	1	4	6	5	3	9	7	8

Difficulty Level ★★★

Another long road back for slumping Henrik Stenson

By DOUG FERGUSON

PALM HARBOR, Fla. (AP) —

The tee markers at the Valspar Championship were paint cans, except they were filled with sand. This would have been useful information for Henrik Stenson, known to take out his frustrations on inanimate objects.

That was never going to be an issue at Innisbrook.

Sure, the frustration level is high. Five years removed from his summer of silver — a claret jug at Royal Troon, an Olympic medal in Rio de Janeiro — the Swede has not finished in the top 20 in the 23 individual tournaments he has played worldwide since ending 2019 with a victory in the Bahamas.

He knows he's not playing well. His temper is more likely to flare when he is.

Stenson had a wry smile when he walked off the Copperhead course on Saturday after a 72 and said with his dry humor, "You want to talk after seeing signs of greatness?"

At least he was still playing on the weekend. He had missed six straight cuts until a tie for 38th in the Masters, and then he played all four rounds at the Valspar Championship. Any progress is welcome.

Stenson headed home to Orlando for two weeks of what he referred to as "training camp." His swing coach, Pete Cowen, who



Henrik Stenson, of Sweden, lines up a putt on the sixth green during the final round of the Valspar Championship golf tournament, Sunday, May 2, 2021, in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Associated Press

already has helped him emerge from two previous slumps in his career, will be at his side. His sports psychologist is coming the second week. His putting coach, Phil Kenyon, is still stuck in the U.K.

"I'm going to have some peace and quiet to work things through and set it off in the right direction," Stenson said. "It's a little better, but still nowhere near where I need to be in terms of striking and confidence. We haven't done the right things over time, and then you end up in a place where you compensate for compensations. After a while, you don't know

what's up and down.

"We've got work ahead of us."

The world ranking is way down. Stenson reached as high as No. 2 in the world in 2014, the year after he captured the FedEx Cup and the Race to Dubai in the same season. Now he is at No. 124. He will return in two weeks for the PGA Championship at Kiawah Island before a four-week stretch that takes him from Texas to Germany to Sweden to San Diego, ending with the U.S. Open.

This is the last year he is exempt for the U.S. majors from his epic duel with Phil Mickelson at Royal Troon,

where Stenson set the major championship scoring record at 264.

This is not the first time Stenson has had to pull himself out of the depths.

He made only eight cuts in 26 straight events in 2002-03 that plunged him to No. 621 in the world. Three years later, he holed the clinching putt at the Ryder Cup in Ireland. Stenson reached No. 5 in the world before going through another bad spell not long after winning The Players Championship in 2009. This time, he fell as low as No. 230 before climbing out again.

"I've gotten him out of deep (stuff) twice," Cowen

said over the weekend.

The first one was a total rebuild from when Stenson had the yips so bad he walked off the course, worried one of his shots might hurt someone. Cowen worked on a percentage basis and said he made \$50 for two years. It was hard to tell if he was kidding.

What makes this project more demanding is Stenson turned 45 in April. He is a major champion, an Olympic silver medalist and a five-time Ryder Cup player, winning all three of his matches in the last one.

"At 45, how much rebuilding can you do?" Cowen said.

His biggest concern for Stenson is the driver, or lack of one. Stenson long has relied on a 3-wood that he bludgeons with great effect. Cowen said the driver is only an inch longer, with 3 degrees less loft. It shouldn't be a problem to hit, and he doesn't understand the mental block.

Regardless, Stenson is giving up distance to players nearly half his age. He used to get by just fine. Now it's getting harder because everyone is getting younger, longer, better.

"He's got to be able to hit driver," Cowen said. "Without that, he's got to play better than the rest just to compete. That's the difficult part at the moment."

As for the motivation, Stenson is not concerned. □

Amazing Amy to play for junior college national championship

PHOENIX (AP) — Amy Bockerstette is set to become the first person with Down syndrome to compete in a national collegiate athletic championship.

The 22-year-old golfer will play with her Paradise Valley Community College teammates at the NJCAA national championships May 10-13 at Plantation Bay Golf & Country Club in Ormond Beach, Florida. Bockerstette is the first person with Down syndrome

to earn a college athletic scholarship and she became a viral sensation when she played the 16th hole at TPC Scottsdale with PGA Tour player Gary Woodland before the 2019 Phoenix Open. She hit into the bunker on the par-3 stadium hole and got up and down for par, telling everyone "I got this" before sinking an eight-foot putt. Bockerstette and her family created the I Got This Foundation in 2019 to provide golf instruction and

playing opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The foundation has partnered with Special Skills Sports Camps to hold the Special Skills Golf Invitational June 1 at Wedgewood Golf and Country Club in Powell, Ohio. The event will teach athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities the basics of golf, from driving to chipping and putting. □



In this Aug. 28, 2019, file photo, Amy Bockerstette practices with her teaching pro at Palmbrook Country Club in Sun City, Ariz.

Associated Press

Welcome to Top 10, Melo: Elite NBA scoring list adds Anthony

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**

ATLANTA (AP) — Carmelo Anthony looked like he was all done just a couple of seasons ago.

Now, he's part of a truly exclusive club in the NBA.

Welcome to the Top 10, Melo.

Anthony scored 14 points Monday night in Portland's 123-114 loss to the Atlanta Hawks, moving him past Elvin Hayes for 10th place on the career scoring list with 27,318.

"If you're in the top 10 of anything of all time, it's a special moment," said Anthony, who is in his 18th NBA season and turns 37 before the month is out.

Anthony cruised past Hayes early in the second quarter, hitting a 3-pointer while getting fouled by Danilo Gallinari and knocking down the free throw to complete a 4-point play.

Anthony was fully aware of how many points he needed to surpass Hayes.

"I knew this moment," he said. "I didn't know those other moments — 15, 13, 11. But 10 is something I knew."

It appeared Anthony was headed for a forced retirement after he played just 10 games during the 2018-19 season.

He parted ways with Houston, was waived by Chicago



Brooklyn Nets forward Jeff Green (8) guards against Portland Trail Blazers forward Carmelo Anthony (00) during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Friday, April 30, 2021, in New York. Associated Press

go and didn't hook up with Portland until the next season was several weeks old. Even though he went more than a year without playing a game, Anthony found new life and a new role with the Trail Blazers.

A starter his entire career, he is coming off the bench now, playing a supporting role to younger stars, players who still look up to him, such as Damian Lillard.

"Being in the top 10 in a really special accomplish-

ment," Lillard said. "For him, it's probably a little more special. A lot of people counted him out and tried to finish him."

During his time with the Trail Blazers, Anthony has passed nine players on the career scoring list.

He knocked off Alex English, Kevin Garnett, John Havlicek and Paul Pierce last season. He has taken down Tim Duncan, Dominique Wilkins, Oscar Robertson, Hakeem Olajuwon

and now Hayes this season. Next up for Anthony: Moses Malone at 27,409 points.

Melo's got a good chance at catching him, too, by the end of the regular season.

"For Melo to be out a year and come back makes it even more remarkable," Portland coach Terry Stotts said. "I always appreciate greatness, whether it's a player I'm coaching or coaching against. Melo is a great player. He's a Hall

of Fame player."

Lillard went on and on about what a pleasure it's been to have Anthony as a teammate, disputing those who have described him over the years as a selfish player who was never quite good enough to lead his teams — most notably, Denver and New York — to a championship.

"I appreciate him more as a friend than I do as a teammate, and I really appreciate him as a teammate," Lillard said. "I think that really speaks to the kind of person he is."

Afterward, Stotts presented Anthony with a game ball in the locker room.

"We need to acknowledge milestones," the coach said. "This is a big one. Top 10 of all time. That's big time."

After his teammates finished clapping, Anthony said: "A couple of years ago, I didn't think I was gonna be in this moment right now. I was out the league for whatever reason. I'm back. I persevered. I stayed strong, I stayed true to myself and now I'm here in the top 10."

He's not done yet.

"I'm still enjoying the game," Anthony said. "I'm still loving the game. I'm still approaching the game the same way." □

AP source: Foot sidelines Jets' Quinnen Williams 8-10 weeks



New York Jets defensive tackle Quinnen Williams (95) sacks Denver Broncos quarterback Brett Rypien (4) during the second half of an NFL football game in East Rutherford, N.J., in this Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020, file photo.

Associated Press

By **DENNIS WASZAK Jr.**

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Jets standout defensive

lineman Quinnen Williams broke a bone in a foot and is expected to have surgery

and be sidelined eight to 10 weeks, according to a person with knowledge of the injury.

Williams was hurt last week during on-field workouts at the team's facility in Florham Park, New Jersey, the person told The Associated Press on Tuesday on condition of anonymity because the Jets didn't announce the injury.

NFL Network first reported Williams' injury. He is expected to miss organized team activities and minicamp, but should be healthy in time for the start of training camp in late July.

The 23-year-old Williams had a breakout second NFL season as one of the team's few standouts during a mis-

erable 2-14 campaign. The No. 3 overall draft pick in 2019 led the Jets with seven sacks, 14 quarterback hits and 10 tackles for losses to go along with 55 total tackles and two forced fumbles. He missed the final two games with a concussion and neck injury.

The news about Williams slightly dampens the mood of Jets fans, who were excited about the team's 10-player haul last week-end in the draft that included quarterback Zach Wilson and guard Alijah Vera-Tucker in the first round.

But the fact Williams was hurt so early in the offseason program should leave him plenty of time to heal and not be restricted for

training camp. Williams is one of new coach Robert Saleh's key pieces on defense as the leader on a line that is expected to be a strength for New York.

The Jets signed Carl Lawson, Sheldon Rankins and Vinny Curry in free agency last month, and also have Folorunso Fatakas, John Franklin-Myers, Nathan Shepherd, Bruce Huff, Kyle Phillips, Jabari Zuniga and Jonathan Marshall — taken in the sixth round out of Arkansas — on the D-line.

"It's a cool group," Saleh said recently. "It's a really good start and it's got a chance to be pretty, pretty disruptive. And we're excited to get on the grass and work with them." □